

2016 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing

WHEN: Thursday, December 10, 2015

WHERE: VA Togus Auditorium, Theatre Bldg 210, 1st Floor, Togus (Augusta), Maine
(same location as in the past)

TIME: Check in time: 6:30; Instructions 6:45 – 7:00; Drawing begins **promptly** at 7:00 PM

Some changes have been implemented to the bass tournament drawing for 2016 that will help streamline the process for all parties involved. All interested applicants (clubs, organizations, etc.) who wish to participate in the 2016 drawing must be aware of and adhere to the following conditions:

- ***Pre-registration*** – All applicants wishing to participate in the drawing must be qualified and pre-registered in accordance with the following (**NO EXCEPTIONS**):
 - Applicants who purchased a permit(s) for the 2015 season must ensure they have met their obligations of filing all required 2015 Weed Inspection forms in order to be deemed eligible. The forms must be submitted to MDIFW in accordance with the terms of your 2015 permit. Pre-registration requests from those applicants who are not in compliance will not be accepted and will be returned to applicant;
 - Submission of a completed pre-registration form (forms can be downloaded from www.mefishwildlife.com);
 - Submission of an affidavit attesting the organization is legitimate and is committed to holding at least 1 tournament in 2016 under the applicant's name (forms can be downloaded from MDIFW website);
 - Submission of a **non-refundable** check in the amount of \$156.00 which commits the organization to select a minimum of one 1 tournament at the drawing. The non-refundable payment will be applied to the total fees due for all tournaments selected at the drawing during the final application submission process. Applicants will be responsible for fees associated with additional tournaments selected. Organizations wishing to purchase additional permits can do so starting on February 8, 2016 on a first-come, first-served basis;
 - Pre-registration form, notarized affidavit and check made payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine, for the amount of \$156 must be received at MDIFW office in Augusta **NO LATER** than the close of business (5:00 PM) on November 20, 2015. Mail required documents to: MDIFW, Attn: Sue-Ann Brann – 284 State Street, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333. Please note incomplete registration requests will not be processed.
- ***Issuance of Qualifying Applicants & Drawing Order*** – on or about December 4, 2015, MDIFW will publish a list of qualifying applicants who are eligible to participate in the drawing. Only those organizations listed by MDIFW will be permitted to participate in the December 10, 2015 drawing. The list will also designate the order or drawing position of each applicant. This process will be administered by MDIFW by random selection of qualified applicants.

- **Deferrals** – Only the first round of the drawing will include an opportunity for applicants to defer their first round pick to another applicant. Applicants may negotiate deferrals with other applicants between the dates when the qualifying applicant list has been issued by MDIFW up until the start of the drawing on December 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM. No time will be allotted for deferrals once the drawing has begun.
- **Drawing Details** – the following outlines specific details of the drawing process:
 - Applicants, who arrive after the drawing has begun, will forfeit their position and will be placed at the end of the drawing order for each remaining round. No deferrals of late arrivals will be allowed.
 - Payment – no payments will be accepted on the night of the drawing. Payments must be mailed with final applications in accordance with the requirements detailed below.
 - Confirmation of each applicant's selections of lakes and dates will be issued at the end of the drawing.
- **Securing Permits** – Applicants will have until the close of business (5:00 PM) on February 5, 2016 to submit final applications, date change requests (forms available for download at www.mefishwildlife.com) and required fees. No changes to applications, other than date as specified above, will be allowed after February 5, 2016 at 5:00 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS). If applications for tournaments selected at the drawing are not received by February 5, 2016 they will be forfeited. Beginning on February 8, 2016 permits for remaining available waters will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Mail applications along with applicable fees (check made payable to Treasurer, State of Maine) to: MDIFW, Sue-Ann Brann, 284 State St, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333.
 - Permits will be mailed to clubs around the beginning of March.